



HARLAN HEIGHTS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Election of Officers

You Can Make a Difference

All board positions are elective offices and all positions are up for election at our March meeting.

This association is one of the more relaxed, so don't think holding an office will become a major time eater or worry maker. We are a compact area—Pima our north boundary, Speedway our south, Craycroft our west and Sonoita our east. We have about 650 residences and businesses. Residents and business owners of the association area are eligible for any of the offices and are the only persons eligible to cast a vote. We have a low crime rate and most of us hold a live and let live attitude. It is a great place to live.

Think about running for one of the following offices; a year or two working for your neighborhood will do you good.

Offices up for election are:

President

Vice-president

Recording Historian

Treasurer (easiest job)

Public Safety Officer

Event Co-ordinator

Neighborhood Improvement Director

You can also volunteer to be a Neighborhood Advocate.
See you at the meeting.

Spring Cleaning

It is time to start the hard yard-work.

Our abundant winter rains have given new life to growing green things we didn't even know we had—and don't want. It's amazing how long seeds can go without germinating--waiting for this moment. Our Spring will be particularly hard on backs. So, we are looking to do a neighborhood clean-up. Check with us at this March's meeting. Days and times will be known by then.

Harlan Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting Notice

Wednesday, March 9,
6:30 p.m.
St. Melany's Church,
1212 N. Sahuara Ave.

The Association wants
to thank St. Melany's for
being such great hosts.

Report Potholes

Winter rains have done some neighborhood street damage. Potholes are appearing. You can do something about this.

Report to the city's department of Street Maintenance. You will need to give the exact location—an intersection, an address or addresses—and a crew will come out within a few days and do a patch.

The number to call is 791-3191. We won't get our streets paved, but letting the city know we have pothole problems will get us the patch.

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Harlan Heights Residents Say No to TEP Industrial Poles Through Neighborhoods

Residents of the Harlan Heights Neighborhood Association took a stand these past few months to formally contest a plan by Tucson Electric Power to install 65- and 75-foot industrial power poles through the neighborhood.

Neighbors were not opposed to a TEP plan to establish a back-up power to the eastside during peak summer use, but that TEP chooses to run the line along the residential Sahuara Avenue because it is the cheapest option. The 46,000-volt CorTen, 5-foot circumference steel carrier poles are planned along Sahuara between Bellevue going north across Pima Street. Residents did support TEP's other option to run the poles along Wilmot. Residents also let TEP know they were upset that TEP never notified any of the homeowners along the street

of the construction. Other concerns relate to how the industrial poles will affect the perception and market value of the homes in the neighborhood and the overall long-term safety issues related to the electric and magnetic fields of the power line.

The plan was discovered by accident in September, 2004 when an area resident saw a TEP employee placing a marker in her front yard. She asked the utility worker what he was doing, and he told her about the incoming construction in the right-of-way. The resident created flyers that made their way to the local Harlan Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) meeting on Oct. 1.

While not all residents opposed the TEP plan, several residents asked neighborhood leaders to take



up the cause to oppose the plan on their behalf.

"We are in favor of the added security of the loop feeder, but
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Neighbors in Harlan Heights built a mock pole to scale as part of their demonstration in December.

Homeland Security

Always a Good Idea to be Prepared

Each neighborhood is requested to have some preparedness in place in case we are faced with disruption of our normal networks—electricity, water, commerce, etc. Either by means of natural or human caused disaster, we should all have some ability at self-reliance until things get sorted and a normalcy resumes. Here is a short list of materials we should all have on hand.

- 2 week supply of food (minimum)
- canned fish and meats
- canned vegetables
- dry grains and legumes
- bottled water (drained water heater works, too)
- charcoal, propane, or burnable
- wood with grill

- emergency lighting (flashlights, candles, matches)
- battery operated radio
- Loose cash (for when ATM's go down)

If you want materials to seal your house—mylar and duct-tape—that's for you to decide. Let's hope we never have to use our materials except in a normal course of living the everyday life.

This short listing does not constitute a plan. As a neighborhood we don't have one. In any emergency, good neighbors get through a crisis. And we do have caring and generous neighbors. In any emergency as good neighbors we'll make it through. Probably.

Storm Drains

There will be no storm drains for Harlan Heights. The Bond issue monies are going elsewhere.

Van Buren and Sahuara will continue to be major north-south drainageways for runoff from our unpredictable rains. Maybe next time. As humans, we do have the capacity for hope.

Council Office Moves

Midtown Ward Six Councilman Fred Ronstadt's office has moved to 3202 E. First St. Contact him by phone at 791-4601, fax at 791-3211 or e-mail ward6@tucsonaz.gov. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Report Suspicious Activity

If you have an emergency or time-sensitive crime information, call the Tucson Police Department at 9-1-1. To report neighborhood drug problems, call 547-8850. For non-emergencies call 791-4444 between 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Community Service Officers handle crimes not in progress and non-critical police response incidents, and provide information. At every neighborhood meeting, officers always stress the importance of calling in suspicious activity.

Property Complaints

The city can now accept your housing or property complaints online. It usually takes the city 3 to 10 days to begin an investigation.

Complaints may involve a landlord-tenant, legal and health issues, or county services. Go to the Department of Neighborhood Resources online at <http://www.cityoftucson.org/dnr/>

There is a Leash Law

According to Tucson City Code, it is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large.

Dogs must be kept on a six-foot leash while off the owner's property and must be confined or restrained while on the owner's property.

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TEP's action with its current routing will turn a quiet, pleasant street into an ugly, high-voltage, industrial corridor. No residential neighborhood in Tucson should have to tolerate that," said Patrick Gibbons, president of Harlan Heights. "There are other alternatives available to TEP."

Flyers were disseminated on the east side of the neighbor-

hood and a meeting was arranged between concerned residents, TEP, and representatives from Ward 2 and Ward 6. After a presentation by TEP, several residents expressed their concern and disappointment at the "total disregard" for communication and lack of options offered by TEP.

After discussion with City Council representatives, and the Arizona Corporation Commission,

research on the TEP/City Franchise Agreement, its easements, public right-of-way, and a public protest held in December, residents learned there is little they can do to oppose the big poles.

TEP's East Loop Feeder Reactivation Project was originally planned for January 2005, but as of Feb. 4, the poles are still not up.

Meeting Agenda



1. Call to order
2. Call to the audience
3. Tucson Police Dept. Update
4. Election of Officers
5. Update on TEP poles
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

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